

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. – 39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

transmitting an indication to informing a consumer station that a music selection is available for transmission to an intermediate storage medium at a consumer site via a music sharing system, wherein the informing comprising placing consumer station is configured to display an indication within a catalog of the music sharing system that the music selection is available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium;

receiving a consumer request for the music selection, wherein the consumer station is further configured to send the consumer request in response to a consumer selection of the music selection without requiring further consumer interaction;

responsive to receiving the consumer request, transmitting the music selection to the intermediate storage medium;

receiving an indication that at least a portion of the music selection has been recorded on the intermediate storage medium and subsequently recorded on a permanent storage medium located at the consumer site; and

responsive to receiving the indication, automatically charging, by a device, the consumer for the music selection.

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40 wherein the automatically charging is done electronically.

42. (Canceled)

43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40, wherein the music sharing system is a peer-to-peer music sharing system, the method further comprising:

providing a mechanism for the consumer to request said music selection while at a website of said peer-to-peer music sharing system.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43 further comprising:
paying an operator of said peer-to-peer music sharing system for advertising and making music available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium.

45. – 46. (Canceled)

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43 further comprising:
creating a profile from consumer preference information provided by said peer-to-peer music sharing system.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 40 further comprising:
transmitting to the consumer site, for storage on a storage medium at the consumer site, information identifying music selections available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48 further comprising:
before automatically charging the consumer for the music selection, receiving an indication that the entire music selection has been recorded on the permanent storage medium.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49, further comprising:
communicating an order of said music selection to a central controller;
transferring copies of records of said order to a transmission scheduler;
communicating schedules created by said transmission scheduler to a satellite uplink facility for transmission of said order; and
transmitting via satellite said order to said customer site.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50, wherein said order communication comprises:

an action selected from the group consisting of: using a home personal computer for ordering said music selection, using a cell phone for ordering said music selection, using a Personal Data Assistant wireless device for ordering said music selection; ordering said music selection is via wireless application protocol.

52. (Currently amended) A computer readable storage medium having computer executable instructions stored thereon, the instructions comprising:

instructions to transmit an indication to inform a consumer station that a music selection is available for transmission to an intermediate storage medium at a consumer site via a music sharing system, wherein the instructions to inform comprising instructions to place consumer station is configured to display an indication within a catalog of the music sharing system that the music selection is available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium;

instructions to receive a consumer request for the music selection, wherein the consumer station is further configured to send the consumer request in response to a consumer selection of the music selection without requiring further consumer interaction;

instructions to transmit, responsive to receiving the consumer request, the music selection to the intermediate storage medium;

instructions to receive an indication that at least a portion of the music selection has been recorded on the intermediate storage medium and subsequently recorded on a permanent storage medium located at the consumer site; and

instructions to automatically charge, responsive to receiving said indication, the consumer for the music selection.

53. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 52, wherein the instructions to automatically charge comprise instructions to automatically charge electronically.

54. (Canceled)

55. (Previously presented) The computer readable of claim 52, wherein the music sharing system is a peer-to-peer music sharing system, the instructions further comprising:

instructions to provide a mechanism for the consumer to request said music selection while at a website of said peer-to-peer music sharing system.

56. (Previously Presented) The computer readable of claim 55, the instructions further comprising:

instructions to pay an operator of said peer-to-peer music sharing system for advertising and making music available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium.

57. – 58. (Canceled)

59. (Previously Presented) The computer readable of claim 55, the instructions further comprising:

instructions to create a profile from consumer preference information provided by said peer-to-peer music sharing system.

60. (Previously Presented) The computer readable of claim 52, the instructions further comprising:

instructions to transmit to the consumer site, for storage on a storage medium at the consumer site, information identifying music selections available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium.

61. (Previously Presented) The computer readable of claim 60, the instructions further comprising:

instructions to, before automatically charging the consumer for the music selection, receive an indication that the entire music selection has been recorded on the permanent storage medium.

62. (Previously Presented) The computer readable of claim 61, the instructions further comprising:

instructions to communicate an order of said music selection to a central controller;
instructions to transfer copies of records of said order to a transmission scheduler;
instructions to communicate schedules created by said transmission scheduler to a satellite uplink facility for transmission of said order; and
instructions to transmit via satellite said order to said customer site.

63. (Previously Presented) The computer readable of claim 62, wherein said order communication comprises an action selected from the group consisting of: using a home personal computer for ordering said music selection, using a cell phone for ordering said music selection, using a Personal Data Assistant wireless device for ordering said music selection; ordering said music selection is via wireless application protocol.

64. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for transmitting an indication to ~~informing~~ a consumer station that a music selection is available for transmission to an intermediate storage medium at a consumer site via a music sharing system, wherein the ~~means for informing comprising means for placing consumer station is configured to display~~ an indication within a catalog of the music sharing system that the music selection is available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium;

means for receiving a consumer request for the music selection, wherein the consumer station is further configured to send the consumer request in response to a consumer selection of the music selection without requiring further consumer interaction;

means for transmitting the music selection, responsive to receiving the consumer request, to the intermediate storage medium; and

a central controller system configured to:
receive an indication that at least a portion of the music selection has been recorded on the intermediate storage medium and subsequently recorded on a permanent storage medium located at the consumer site; and
automatically charge the consumer for the music selection in response to receiving the received indication.

65. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 64 further wherein the ~~means for automatically charging~~ central controller system is configured to automatically charge the consumer by automatically charging the consumer electronically.

66. (Canceled)

67. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 64 further comprising:
means for transmitting to the consumer site information identifying available music selections for recording on the storage medium.

68. – 70. (Canceled)

71. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 64 further comprising:
means for transmitting, for storage on a storage medium at the consumer site, information identifying music selections available for transmission to the intermediate storage medium.

72. (Canceled)

73. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the music sharing system is a peer-to-peer music sharing system, ~~the apparatus further comprising:~~
~~means for providing a mechanism for the consumer to request said music selection while at a website of said peer-to-peer music sharing system.~~

74. – 75. (Canceled)

76. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising:
transmitting pricing information for the music selection to a customer station located at the customer site; and
periodically transmitting updated pricing information for the music selection to the customer station;
wherein the automatically charging the customer for the music selection is done in accordance with the updated pricing information.

77. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 52, further comprising:
instructions to transmit pricing information for the music selection to a customer station located at the customer site; and
instructions to periodically transmit updated pricing information for the music selection to the customer station;
wherein the automatically charging the customer for the music selection is done in accordance with the updated pricing information.

78. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 64, further comprising:
means for transmitting pricing information for the music selection to a customer station located at the customer site; and
means for periodically transmitting updated pricing information for the music selection to the customer station;
wherein the automatically charging the customer for the music selection is done in accordance with the updated pricing information.

79. (Currently amended) The method of claim 40, wherein the indication within the catalog comprises either a highlight or an icon.

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80. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 52, wherein the indication within the catalog comprises either a highlight or an icon.

81. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the indication within the catalog comprises either a highlight or an icon.